

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Small businesses and family run businesses are
3 part of the backbone of the Illinois economy and many such
4 businesses have a rich history; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Novak & Parker
6 will be celebrating its 88th Anniversary in 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Novak & Parker, located in Mount Prospect, was
8 first conceived in 1915; Joe Novak and Robert Parker started
9 an electrical contracting business in the back room of a
10 barber shop in Park Ridge; in 1941, because of troubling
11 financial times, Robert Parker left the company to work for
12 the Army Corps of Engineers, helping to build O'Hare
13 International Airport; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Novak, the son of founder Joe Novak opened a
15 second store in Mount Prospect following World War II; in
16 addition to electrical appliances, the Mount Prospect Store
17 sold speedboats; as the Mount Prospect store grew, so did the
18 need for more space; Mr. Novak built the current store
19 located at 1016 E. Northwest Highway; and

20 WHEREAS, At one point, three separate locations of Novak
21 & Parker existed in Mount Prospect, Northbrook, and Des
22 Plaines; each of those stores consolidated into the Mount
23 Prospect location; the business is now run by the third
24 generation of Novaks, Dan and Peter; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we congratulate Novak & Parker on the occasion of its 88th
28 anniversary of operation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Bob, Dan, and Peter Novak with our best wishes
31 for the continued success of Novak & Parker.